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PSC APPROVES AGREEMENT WHICH RESULTS IN ONE-TIME BILL CREDITS FOR SEMO DISTRICT CUSTOMERS OF ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS

Jefferson City (December 5, 2001)--The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an agreement which will result in approximately \$900,000 in one-time bill credits for natural gas customers in the SEMO District of Atmos Energy Corporation (formerly Associated Natural Gas Company).

The agreement approved by the Commission resolves cases involving reviews of Associated Natural Gas Company's purchasing practices for securing natural gas supplies for its customers. This agreement resolves cases involving Associated's 1995 to 2000 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) periods. Previous decisions in two of these cases had been appealed by Associated to the courts. Adjustments and credits were ordered by the Commission in two of these cases because of alleged or potential double recoveries of gas costs. Under the agreement, Atmos Energy Corporation will be making one-time bill credits to customers this winter.

Actual Cost Adjustments or ACA's are designed to ensure that what a natural gas company pays to its wholesale suppliers for natural gas is what it recoups from its customers over a 12 month period. An audit is also conducted by the PSC Staff to ensure that the company made prudent decisions in its purchases of natural gas for its customers. If it is determined that imprudent decisions were made, refunds to customers could be ordered.

Atmos serves approximately 50,000 natural gas customers in its SEMO District which includes the Missouri counties of New Madrid, Pemiscot, Ripley, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Scott, Iron, Wayne, Stoddard and Mississippi.

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